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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOP-
MENT (IFAD)

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1. WE INFORMED GEORGE THOM, HEAD FAO DEPARTMENT,
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OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT MINISTRY (ODM). OF US POSITION

OUTLINED REFTEL A JANUARY 27. THOM RECONFIRMED HMG SUPPORT FOR US POSITION AND STATED OUR APPROACH WOULD BE REPORTED TO UKDEL ATTENDING ROME MEETING OF INTERESTED GOVERNMENTS JANUARY 28 - FEBRUARY 6. THOM INDICATED THAT UK, AS PREVIOUSLY EXPLAINED, WILL BE WILLING TO BE SOMEWHAT MORE FLEXIBLE THAN US ON FIRST ELEMENT OF TRIGGER FOR ENTRY INTO FORCE. HE ALSO SAID UK BELIEVES EXCEPTIONS TO MAJORITY RULE ON VOTING IN GOVERNING COUNCIL SHOULD BE LIMITED TO ITEMS IV, VI, VII, VIII, IX OF ARTICLE 6, SECTION 3.

2. AS PART OF RECENT ODM REORGANIZATION THOM IS TAKING OVER RESPONSIBILITY FOR IFAD FROM KEN OSBORNE. RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT. OSBORNE IS UKDEL TO CURRENT ROME MEETING. THOM SAID OSBORNE HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO OPPOSE "ABSOLUTELY" FAO DIRECTOR GENERAL SAOUMA'S AMENDMENTS REFERRING TO POSSIBLE BORROWING ROLE FOR IFAD. ON OTHER AMENDMENTS HE HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO "PLAY IT BY EAR." FYI: OSBORNE HAS ALWAYS BEEN EXTREMELY FORTHCOMING AND HELPFUL IN CONTACTS WITH EMBASSY. WE SUGGEST USDEL PROVIDE HIM WITH COPY REFTEL A AND DISCUSS OUR POSITION ON SAOUMA'S AMENDMENTS WITH HIM. W2E ARE CONFIDENT HE WILL SUPPORT US POSITION. END FYI.

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